

1990-91 and during the current financial year upto December 27, 1991 is as indicated below:-

| | (Rs. crore) | | |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| | 1989-90 | 1990-1991 | 1991-92 (upto Dec. 27. 1991) |
| Union | | | |
| Governments | 13,813 | 14,745 | 9811 |
| State | | | |
| Governments | 255 | 420 | (-)1665 |

(b) Increase in net RBI credit to Governments leads to growth of reserve money and consequent monetary expansion. Notes in circulation increased by Rs. 8086 crore in 1989-90, Rs. 6931 crore in 1990-91 and Rs. 6287 crore in the current financial year (upto December 27, 1991).

(c) Union and State Governments resort to borrowing from the Reserve Bank of India primarily to cover their budget deficits.

Visakhapatnam Naval Dockyard

1809. SHRI SANAT KUMAR
MANDAL:
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Naval dockyard at Visakhapatnam has shown inordinate delay in repairing and servicing of combat vessels;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps being taken to improve the problems of servicing and repairing there?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c). There have

generally been no delays in the repairs and refits of Naval vessels at the Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam. However, there have been unavoidable delays in some cases, primarily due to the lack of adequate capacity at the Dockyard or the non-availability of spares from foreign sources. Several measures have been taken to obviate such delays, which include sharing of work with the Naval Dockyard, Bombay, greater efforts towards the indigenisation of spares and the off-loading of work to other agencies.

[Translation]

Export of Leather Products

1810. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate any policy for the export of leather products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the policy is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c). While there is no specific proposal to formulate any policy for the export of leather products, sustained efforts are being made to increase the export of leather products. As a result of these efforts, export of leather products have gone up appreciably in recent years from about Rs. 913 crores in 1988-89 to about Rs. 1831 Crores in 1990-91.

Updating of Electoral Rolls and Issue of Identity Card to Voters

1811. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL:
Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision to make an upto date list of the voters for the Lok Sabha and Assembly constituencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to issue identity cards to the voters;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the voters who are transferred from one place to another are not enrolled in the voters list at the place of transfer; and

(f) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). The Election commission had ordered summary revision of electoral rolls in all States and Union territories with 1.1.1992 as the qualifying date, excepting the districts of Uttar Kashi, Tehri Garhwal and Chamoli in Uttar Pradesh which were affected by the recent earth quake. Work relating to summary revision is complete and final publication of rolls for most of the constituencies is also over.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government is examining the question of issue of identity cards to voters. However, taking into account the large number of voters, expenditure and the administrative steps involved in the operation, introduction of multi-purpose photo identity cards throughout the country is likely to take not less than five years.

(e) and (f). Any voter who has shifted his residence from one constituency to another can apply for inclusion of his name in

the electoral roll of the constituency to which he has shifted by making an application at any time to the Electoral Registration Officer under the provisions of the Registration of Electors Rules, 1960.

Sale of Janata and Controlled Cloth in Haryana and Gujarat

1812. SHRI S.N. VEKARIA:
SHRI AVTAP SINGH
BHADNNA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Janata and Controlled cloth are being sold in Haryana and Gujarat for the last three years;

(b) if so, the agencies through which it is being sold variety-wise details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the irregularities in its sale; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) While both Janata and Controlled cloth are sold in Gujarat, only controlled cloth is sold in Haryana.

(b) Controlled sarees, dhoties, long cloth and polyester cotton cloth produced by the National Textile Corporation (NTC) are sold through the National/state Consumers Co-operative Federation, State Civil Supplies Corporation, Retail outlets of NTC and NTC authorised dealers in Gujarat and Haryana. The handloom Janata cloth is distributed through the consumer cooperative societies and Fair Price shops besides own outlets of the implementing agencies in Gujarat. The